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Applicant: Olivier de Pous et al.) PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No.: Serial No. 09/775,949) VAL1599P0190US
Filed: February 2, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3727
For: ATTACHMENT DEVICE TO) Confirmation No. 1510
ATTACH A PUMP OR VALVE)
ONTO A RECIPIENT NECK)
Examiner: Lien M. Ngo)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A Request for Continued Examination has been filed concurrently with this

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the final Official Action Paper No. 15 dated July 17, 2003.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

Prior to the Response, claims 1-9 were pending, and claims 10-16 were withdrawn from consideration. In this response, some of the claims are being amended.